

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In light of the above amendments and remarks to follow, entry of this amendment and reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 79 and 84 are pending in this application. Claims 76-78, 80-83, and 85 are canceled.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgement that claims 79 and 84 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have amended claims 79 and 84 to include the limitations of independent claims 76 and 81, respectively. Claims 76-78, 80-83, and 85 are canceled. Accordingly, claims 79 and 84 (all of the remaining claims) are now in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

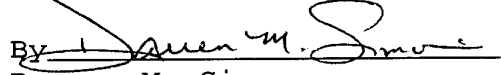
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If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095.

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